Constant emphasis on States to:

- Ensure regular supply of supplementary nutrition as per schematic norms.
- Ensure effective convergence of health, nutrition, education and safe drinking water services under various programmes.
- Generate nutrition awareness.

(ii) National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme) (Department of School Education & Literacy);

(iii) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls in 51 districts to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls (Ministry of Women & Child Development);

(iv) Nutrition Education and Training Programmes of Food and Nutrition Board (Ministry of Women & Child Development);

(v) Reproductive and Child Health (RCH-II) Programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) including:

(Ministry of Health & Family Welfare);

Maternal Health by promoting institutional deliveries, improved coverage and quality of Ante Natal Care (ANC), skilled care to pregnant women, Post-partum care at Community level.

Immunization.

Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses and malnutrition.

Emphasis on Infant & Young Child Feeding.

Specific Programmes to prevent and combat micronutrient deficiencies of Vitamin A and Iron & Folic Acid through Vitamin A Supplementation for children till the age of 5 years and Iron & Folic Acid Supplementation for preschool children, pregnant and lactating women.

(vi) National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare);

(vii) Targeted Public Distribution System (Department of Food & Public Distribution);

(viii) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme/Swajaldhara and Total Sanitation Campaign; National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (Ministry of Rural Development).

(e) & (f) In pursuance of the commitment of the Government to universalize the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme as envisaged in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), the Scheme has been expanded twice in the year 2005-06 & 2006-07. With these expansions, the total number of ICDS Project. Anganwadi Centres and Mini Anganwadi Centres has increased to 6284,10.53 lakhs and 36829 respectively.

To cover the, hiterto, uncovered habitations across the country, the proposal for 792 additional projects, 2.13 lakhs Anganwadi centres and 77053 Mini-Anganwadi centres under 3rd phase expansion has been articulated.

Welfare of **orphans**

t 1084. SHRI JAIPARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations engaged in the welfare of orphans across the country;

(b) what is the amount of financial assistance provided to each of these organizations during the last three years; and

(c) whether some of the organisations, out of the above NGOs, have misused the funds provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Women and Child Development has two schemes for welfare of orphans. These are:

(i) A Scheme for Assistance to Homes for Children (Shishu Greh) to promote in-country Adoption under which grant-in-aid is given to voluntary organizations and Government run homes for orphaned/abandoned children of 0-6 years for giving them quality child care and placement in adoption. The details of voluntary organizations and State Governments which were provided assistance under this Scheme during the last three years are available on Central Adoption Resource Agency's (CARA) website-www. adoptionindia. nic. in.

(ii) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely A Programme for Juvenile Justice' under which financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations to meet 50 per cent of their expenditure requirements for construction and maintenance of children's homes either by itself or in association with voluntary organizations, under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000. The ratio of expenditure in case of NGO run homes is 45:45:10 among Centre, States and NGO. The State Governments/UT Administrations, in turn release grants adding, its own share to concerned NGOs for running the children homes. The details of grants released under this scheme to the States/ UTs during last three years are available in the Ministry's website-www.wcd.nic.in.

(c) No such incidence has come to the notice of the Ministry so far.

Making stringent anti-dowry law

1085. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to make the anti-dowry law harsher which seeks to protect brides against greedy husbands and in-laws, and extend the current seven year window for registration of a dowry death case to life time;

(b) if so, whether Government has examined the recommendations of the National Commission for Women and is of the view that, given the rising trend of dowry cases, there is a need for stricter provisions and longer jail terms; and

t Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.